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REQUEST FOR CORRECT REFERENCE

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, the Examiner cited U.S. Patent No. 5,754,558 (Hayakawa et al.) as a reference, but a copy of this patent has not been furnished to applicants' representative.

Instead of U.S. Patent No. 5,754,558, the Patent Office sent us a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,754,448.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent be forwarded to applicants' representative, and that the term set by the Office Action of December 18, 2003 be reset with the mailing of such missing patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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